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Albert Street,
BRIDGWATER.
September, 1949.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Bridgwater Port Health Authority.

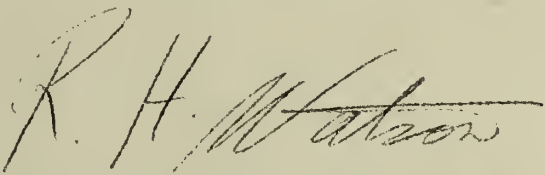
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my report
for the year ending 31st December, 1948.

The health of the Port has been
satisfactory throughout the year.

Treatment of venereal diseases is
obtainable at the County Council's Clinic in Bridgwater, and
details of these arrangements and also the facilities available
at all Bristol Channel ports, are displayed in prominent positions
throughout the area of the port.

The Sanitary Inspector's Report is
appended, together with statistics of the shipping using the
port.


Port Medical Officer.



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I beg to submit my report for the year ending 31st
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There was a general increase of shipping using the Port during the year under review. Twenty-four foreign ships called at the Port as compared with fifteen during 1947. The inspections carried out have not revealed any serious defects and the four defects which were found have been remedied. No rats were found on any vessel.

R. K. LEAN,

Port Health Inspector.

1. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT DURING THE YEAR 1948.

TABLE A

	No.	Tonnage	No. Inspected by the		No. report- ed to be defect- ive	No. of vessels on which defects were remed'd	No. of vessels reported as having had infectious disease on board dur'g voyage
			Medical Officer of Health	Port Health Inspector			
FOREIGN	Steamer	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Motor	24	3,936	-	21	-	-
	Sailing	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Fishing	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FOREIGN	24	3,936	-	21	-	-	-
COASTWISE							
	Steamer	349	33,292	-	33	1	-
	Motor	38	3,287	-	21	3	-
	Sailing	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Fishing	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL COASTWISE	387	36,579	-	54	4	4	-

II CHARACTER OF TRADE OF PORT

TABLE B

- (a) Passenger Traffic - There has been no passenger traffic during the year.
- (b) Cargo Traffic
 - Principal Imports - Coal, Sand, Flour, Timber and Gypsum
 - Principal Exports - Bricks, Tiles and Grain
- (c) Foreign Ports from which vessels arrived - Rotterdam, Rouen, Hamburg, St. Vaast and Skoghall.

III WATER SUPPLY.

- (1) Source of supply for the port and shipping is the Bridgwater Corporation supply.
- (2) Hydrants and hosepipes are inspected as to their sanitary condition.
- (3) There are no water boats in the port.

IV PORT HEALTH REGULATIONS, 1933 AND 1945.

- (1) The Declarations of Health are handed to the Captain on arrival, completed and returned to the Port Health Inspector.
- (2) All vessels from foreign ports are boarded by the Port Health Inspector immediately on arrival.
- (3) The Customs Officer notifies the Port Medical Officer of the times of arrival of all vessels from foreign ports.
- (4) Mooring stations designated under Article 10 are:-
 - (a) The Northside of the Bridgwater Dock.
 - (b) The vessels will be breasted off the quay, with gangways off, at the place of mooring.
- (5) Standing exemptions issued to:-
 - (a) Vessels unhealthy by reason of minor infectious diseases on board, e.g. Measles, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Tuberculosis and Pneumonia
 - (b) Vessels otherwise clean which have arrived from a listed port in an infectious area.
- (6) No experience
- (7) (a) None
- (b) Carried out under the supervision of the Port Health Inspector.

- (7) (c) None
(d) Cases of Plague, Cholera, Yellow Fever by arrangement with the South West Regional Hospital Board. Cases of Small Pox at Ham Green Isolation Hospital, Bristol. Cases of other infectious diseases at the Axbridge Isolation Hospital.
- (e) The County Council's Motor Ambulance at Axbridge is available.
- (f) Supervision of contacts carried out by the Port Medical Officer.
- (8) & (9) By the Somerset County Council Laboratory at Taunton.
- (10) Treatment of Venereal Diseases carried out at the Health Centre, Mount Street, Bridgwater. Particulars of Treatment Centres available in the Bristol Channel Ports are displayed at all wharves and docks.
- (11) By arrangements with the Bridgwater Borough Council
- (12) None.

TABLE C

No cases of infectious diseases were landed during 1948

TABLE D

No cases reported

V MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS

All ships are inspected for the presence of rats; treatment of the buildings in the Dock area is carried out as found necessary.

Treatments are carried out by the Bridgwater Borough Rodent Operators.

TABLE E

(1) On vessels

No rats were found on vessels.

TABLE F

(2) In Docks, Quays, Wharves and Warehouses

No. of Rats	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total in year
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	5	-	-	16
Examined	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE G

No action necessary

TABLE J

CLASSIFICATION OF NUISANCES

Nationality of Vessel	No. inspected during 1948	Defect of original constructions	Structural defects through wear & tear	Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health
British	54	-	-	4
Foreign	21	-	-	-

VII FOOD INSPECTIONS

- (1) No action under the Public Health (Imported Food) regulations, 1937, as the small quantity of foodstuffs landed had been transhipped from another port, where inspection had been carried out.
- (2) There are no shell-fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Port Health Authority
- (3) No samples of food examined.

